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VIENNA FOR GARTHOFF

SUBJ: SALT-TWO US CONSULTATIONS ON EUROPEAN ALL IED PAPER S

1. FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR GENERAL AND STRATEGIC DISARMA-MENT MENNE ASKED EMBOFF TO CALL FEB 16 TO EXPRESS "WISH OF BONN AND SOME OTHER PETRIGNANI OROUP CAPITALS" FOR EARLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON JANUARY 15 IS SALT PAPER AND EUROPEAN SALT PAPERS CIRCULATED LATE LAST YEAR IN NAT O. MENNE SHOWED EMBOFF JANUARY 30 FONOFF INSTRUCTIONS TO FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON NOTING THAT FRG AND OTHER EUR OPEANS ARE QUITE DISAPPOINTED BY LACK OF US REACTION SO FAR TO EUROPEAN SALT PAPERS AND INDICATING STRONG WISH THAT AMBASSADOR FARLEY OR OTHER SENIOR US SALT DEL REP MEET WITH EUROPEANS THIS MONTH TO PROVIDE INITIAL US REACTION. INSTRUCTIONS STRESSED THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM AND WELL IN ADVANCE OF REGULAR CONSULTATION SESSION ON EVE OF SECOND ROUND OF SALT-TW O.

2 COMMENT: MENNE MADE CLEAR THAT GERMANS AND OTHER PETRIGNANI GROUP COLLEAGUES TAKE SERIOUS VIEW OF THEIR PAPERS AS ADDING IMPORTANT DIMENSION TO SALT CONSULTATIONS. ABSENCE OF US REACTION THEREFORE IS

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3. ACTION: REQUESTED: INFORMATION ON ANY US PLANS FOR EARLY BRUSSELS CONSULTATION ON EUROPEAN AND IS PAPERS.

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